

F. MANAGEMENT AREA DIRECTION

The National Forest land administered by the Malheur National Forest has been divided into management areas, each with different management goals, resource potentials, and limitations. Some of the management areas are shown on the accompanying map (Alternative I) which display the general management area assignments for the Forest. The management area maps of record consist of a set of larger scale maps on file in the Forest Supervisor's office. Each District office has their own record maps on file.

Overlap of management areas is inevitable. When a specific segment of land falls under the goals of several management areas, acres are assigned to the higher priority management area. The hierarchy developed to prioritize assignment of management areas is based primarily upon: established authority (i.e., Congress or Forest Supervisor), designated use, and forest requirements. As an example, the management area for the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness (MA 6A) has acres that could be classified as riparian zones, old growth, research natural areas, etc., but all these areas are tracked under the wilderness management area. The numbering of management areas does not reflect any hierarchy of acreage assignment.

The detailed management area assignments for each capability area are contained in the Forest's TRI data base. During more site-specific project level analysis, this data base will be queried to obtain the management area assignment for each capability area.

Following, in Table IV-3, is a summary of the management goals for each management area.

The remainder of this chapter describes each management area and lists the goals, management standards, and schedule of management practices for each area. The schedule of management practices are not intended to act as limits, but will be monitored to ensure that management area goals and objectives are achieved.



**TABLE IV-3
MANAGEMENT AREA GOALS**

Management Area	Management Goals	Total Acres
1 /	GENERAL FOREST - Manage for timber production and other multiple uses on a sustained yield basis.	553,053
2 /	RANGELAND - Manage for livestock forage production and other multiple uses on a sustained yield basis.	99,203
3A /	NON-ANADROMOUS RIPARIAN AREAS - Manage to protect or enhance riparian-dependent resources in watersheds supporting resident fish.	19,268
3B /	ANADROMOUS RIPARIAN AREAS - Manage to protect or enhance riparian- dependent resources in watersheds supporting anadromous fish.	28,092
4A /	BIG-GAME WINTER RANGE MAINTENANCE - Manage to maintain usable forage for elk and deer on potential winter range.	177,406
5	BALD EAGLE WINTER ROOSTS - Manage to maintain or enhance winter roost habitat for bald eagles.	4,040
6A /	STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS - Manage the wilderness values as specified by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984.	68,700
6B ✓	MONUMENT ROCK WILDERNESS - Manage the wilderness values as specified by the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984.	12,620
7 ✓	SCENIC AREA - Manage to preserve and protect the outstanding natural esthetics of the Vinegar Hill - Indian Rock Scenic Area.	13,322
8 ✓	SPECIAL INTEREST AREAS - Manage to preserve areas of significant historical, geological, botanical, zoological, paleontological, or other special characteristics.	246
9 ✓	RESEARCH NATURAL AREAS - Manage areas for nonmanipulative research, observation, and study of undisturbed ecosystems.	750
10 ✓	SEMI-PRIMITIVE NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION AREAS - Manage to provide a wide range of semiprimitive nonmotorized recreation opportunities while protecting existing environmental quality Exclude new road construction.	48,888

TABLE IV-3 (Continued)
MANAGEMENT AREA GOALS

Management Area	Management Goals	Total Acres
11 ✓	SEMI-PRIMITIVE MOTORIZED RECREATION AREAS - Manage to provide a wide range of semiprimitive motorized recreation opportunities while protecting existing environmental quality. Exclude new road construction.	14,578
12 (✓)	DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES - Manage for developed recreation opportunities.	484
13 ✓	OLD GROWTH - Manage old growth for wildlife and plant habitat, ecosystem diversity, and aesthetic quality.	72,690
14 ✓	VISUAL CORRIDORS - Manage viewshed corridors with primary consideration given to their scenic quality and the growth of large diameter trees. Visual quality objectives of retention, partial retention, and modification will be applied while providing for other uses and resources.	186,682
16 ✓	MINIMUM LEVEL MANAGEMENT - Provide the minimum management necessary to provide for resource protection and to ensure public safety. Additional road construction will be allowed to manage adjacent areas.	74,668
17 ○	BYRAM GULCH MUNICIPAL SUPPLY WATERSHED - Manage to ensure that Oregon water quality standards for community public supply water use are met. Protect existing beneficial uses of the water. Protect and, where needed, improve the quality and quantity of the water resource in a manner consistent with National, State, and forest goals.	300
18 ○	LONG CREEK MUNICIPAL SUPPLY WATERSHED - Manage to ensure that Oregon water quality standards for community public supply water use are met. Protect existing beneficial uses of the water. Protect and, where needed, improve the quality and quantity of the water resource in a manner consistent with National, State, and forest goals	224
19 (✓)	ADMINISTRATIVE SITES - Provide and maintain sites for facilities necessary for the administration of Malheur National Forest lands.	1,369
20A	DRY CABIN WILDLIFE EMPHASIS AREA (WITH SCHEDULED TIMBER HARVEST)- Manage to provide for high quality fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, and nonmotorized recreation opportunity in a natural appearing setting. Emphasize high quality big-game hunting opportunities. Manage elk habitat to provide for at least 70% of elk habitat effectiveness while allowing for scheduled timber harvest utilizing low impact silvicultural systems and minimum roading.	14,629

TABLE IV-3 (Continued)
MANAGEMENT AREA GOALS

Management Area	Management Goals	Total Acres
20B	UTLEY BUTTE WILDLIFE EMPHASIS AREA (WITH SCHEDULED TIMBER HARVEST) - Manage to provide for high quality fish and wildlife habitat and water quality. Manage elk habitat to provide at least 70% of elk habitat effectiveness while allowing for scheduled timber harvest. Provide opportunities for high quality semiprimitive dispersed recreation.	9,045
21	WILDLIFE EMPHASIS AREA WITH NON-SCHEDULED TIMBER HARVEST - Manage to provide for high quality fish and wildlife habitat and water quality. Manage elk habitat to provide at least 70% of elk habitat effectiveness. Timber harvest will be on a non-scheduled basis and will be used only to meet a fish and or wildlife habitat objective. Provide opportunities for high quality semiprimitive dispersed recreation.	22,076
22	WILD AND SCENIC RIVER - Protect, enhance, and maintain the natural beauty, character, outstandingly remarkable values and water quality. Preserve the free flowing condition of this wild and scenic river and it's corridor for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.	10,256

